

2 CFR part 25, etc. All applicants will be required to have pre-registered with the System for Award Management at <https://sam.gov/SAM/>.

- Description of the applicant's business operations, in sufficient detail to demonstrate how the applicant meets the statutory requirement as a municipality or community-owned utility.

- Whether the applicant is currently engaged in any legal proceeding that could jeopardize its ability to fulfill the legal commitments required in statute as conditions for receiving funds under the Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program. Examples of such proceedings could include, but are not limited to, any process related to the United States Bankruptcy Code, potential merger or acquisition discussions, or current litigation against the applicant. The NOFO will request that applicants identify any such issues at a high level and avoid including unnecessary details in the application.

- Whether the applicant is delinquent on any debt to any Federal agency, along with supporting details.

- A sworn certification as to the complete and accurate nature of all information provided, including all supporting documentation, subject to civil or criminal penalties. The specific certification language will include: "I certify under penalty of perjury that the information and certifications provided in the application and its attachments are true and correct. WARNING: Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 287, 1001; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)."

Award recipients will be required to provide supporting documentation in sufficient detail to substantiate the actual costs, specifically excluding any personally identifiable information for any individual employees. Recipients will also be required to provide additional information and certifications in support of disbursement requests.

### III. Summary of Impacted Collection

Section 1320.8(d), Title 5, CFR, requires PHMSA to provide interested members of the public and affected entities an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping requests. This notice identifies the proposed information collection request that PHMSA will forward to OMB for approval.

The following information is provided for this information collection: (1) Title of the information collection; (2) OMB control number; (3) Current expiration date; (4) Type of request; (5) Abstract of the information collection activity; (6) Description of affected public; (7) Estimate of total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden; and (8) Frequency of collection.

PHMSA will request a three-year approval for this information collection. PHMSA requests comments on the following information:

*Title:* Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 2137-0641.

*Current Expiration Date:* 11/30/2022.

*Type of Request:* Extension of an approved information collection.

*Abstract:* This information collection covers the collection of applicant data from municipality and community-owned utilities that are interested in applying to receive funds from the "Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program." Solicitation for grants under the Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program is voluntary. No eligible entity is required to apply. To be eligible, however, municipality and community-owned utilities must meet all the requirements set forth in the law. Therefore, DOT must collect certain information from applicants to determine eligibility and evaluate applications. DOT must also verify the accuracy of grant requests from approved applicants, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and other laws and regulations governing Federal financial assistance programs, including (but not limited to) the Anti-Deficiency Act, the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA), the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019, and 2 CFR part 200, among others. This information collection also covers the collection of data from grant recipients. PHMSA expects to receive approximately 200 applications from potential grantees. PHMSA estimates that it will take the 200 applicants approximately 82 hours to compile and submit the forms required to complete the application process for an annual burden of 16,400 hours. PHMSA estimates that 100 grant recipients will, on 8 occasions over the course of one year, spend 2.5 hours, or 20 hours annually, submitting post-award reports for an annual burden of 2,000 hours. Therefore, PHMSA estimates that there will be a total of 1,000 responses (200

applications + 800 post-award reports) for an aggregate total annual burden for the information collection of 18,400 hours (16,400 hours for applications + 2,000 hours for post-award reports).

*Affected Public:* Municipality and Community-owned Utilities.

*Annual Burden:*

*Estimated number of responses:* 1,000.

*Estimated annual burden hours:* 18,400.

*Frequency of Collection:* One-time application, grant reports no more than quarterly, to be followed by disbursement requests and closeout.

*Comments are invited on:*

(a) The need for this information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques; and

(e) Additional information that would be appropriate to collect to inform the reduction in risk to people, property, and the environment due to excavation damages.

*Authority:* The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended.

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*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Bureau of Transportation Statistics

[Docket Number DOT-OST-2017-0043]

#### Agency Information Collection Activity; Continue To Collect Information: Oil and Gas Industry Safety Data Program

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R), Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), U.S. Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** On October 21, 2021, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) announced its intention in a **Federal Register** Notice to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve the following information collection: Voluntary Oil and Gas Industry Safety Data Program. The Oil and Gas Industry Safety Data (ISD) program, is a component of BTS's SafeOCS data sharing framework, that provides a trusted, proactive means for the oil and gas industry to report sensitive and proprietary safety information, and to identify early warnings of safety problems and potential issues by uncovering hidden, at-risk conditions not previously exposed through analysis of reportable accidents and incidents. The ISD identifies a broader range of data categories to ensure safe performance and appropriate risk management, which adds a learning component to assist the oil and gas industry in achieving improved safety performance.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by July 18, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** BTS seeks public comments on its proposed information collection. Comments should address whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the estimated burden hours of the proposed information collection's ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725–17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: BTS Desk Officer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Demetra V. Collia, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Safety Data and Analysis (OSDA), RTS–34, E36–302, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001; Phone No. (202) 366–1610; Fax No. (202) 366–3383; email: [demetra.collia@dot.gov](mailto:demetra.collia@dot.gov). Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., EST, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Data Confidentiality Provisions:* The confidentiality of oil and gas industry safety data information submitted to BTS is protected under the BTS confidentiality statute (49 U.S.C. 6307) and the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA) of 2018; (Pub. L.: 115–435

Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018, Title III.)

In accordance with these confidentiality statutes, only statistical (aggregated) and non-identifying data will be made publicly available by BTS through its reports. BTS will not release to the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), or to any other public or private entity, any information that might reveal the identity of individuals or organizations mentioned in failure notices or reports without explicit consent of the respondent and any other affected entities.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. The Data Collection**

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35; as amended) and 5 CFR part 1320 require each Federal agency to obtain OMB approval to initiate an information collection activity. BTS is seeking OMB approval for the following BTS information collection activity:

*Title:* Oil and Gas Industry Safety Data (ISD) Program.

*OMB Control Number:* TBD.

*Type of Review:* Approval to Continue to Collect.

*Respondent:* Oil and Gas industry companies involved in the exploration and/or productions working in the Gulf of Mexico (GOM).

*Number of Potential Responses:* 100.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 4 hours per data file.

*Frequency:* Annual.

*Total Annual Burden:* 400 hours.

##### **II. Public Participation and Request for Public Comments**

On October 21, 2021, BTS published a Notice (86 FR 58391) encouraging interested parties to submit comments to Document Number 2021–22280 and allowing for a 60-day comment period. The comment period closed on December 20, 2021. There were no comments. To view the Notice, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and insert the Document Number 2021–22280 in the “search” box and click “Search.” Next click “Open Docket Folder” button and choose document listed to review. If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket by visiting the Docket Management Facility in Room W1 2–140 on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

##### *Privacy Act*

All comments the BTS received were posted without change to <http://>

[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.) You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on January 17, 2008 (73 FR 3316), or you may visit <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-785.pdf>.

#### **III. Discussion of Public Comments and BTS Responses**

On October 21, 2021, BTS announced in a **Federal Register** Notice (86 FR 58391) its intention to request that OMB approve the continued collection of safety data from the oil and gas industry for the ISD Program. BTS received no comments during the 60-day public comment period.

##### **Demetra Collia,**

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

### **Internal Revenue Service**

#### **Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Forms 8554 and 8554–EP**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8554, Application for Renewal of Enrollment to Practice Before the Internal Revenue Service and Form 8554–EP, Application for Renewal of Enrollment to Practice Before the Internal Revenue Service as an Enrolled Retirement Plan Agent (ERPA).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before August 15, 2022 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Molly Stasko, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224 or